

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4516, AS REPORTED**  
**OFFERED BY MR. RYAN OF WISCONSIN**

At the end (before the short title), insert the following new section:

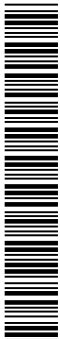
**1 SEC. 311. SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY LOCK-BOX.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEDGER.—(1) Title III of  
3 the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by add-  
4 ing at the end the following new section:

5 “SPENDING ACCOUNTABILITY LOCK-BOX LEDGER

6 “SEC. 316. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF LEDGER.—The  
7 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House  
8 of Representatives and the chairman on the Committee  
9 on the Budget of the Senate shall each maintain a ledger  
10 to be known as the ‘Spending Accountability Lock-box  
11 Ledger’. The Ledger shall be divided into entries cor-  
12 responding to the subcommittees of the Committees on  
13 Appropriations. Each entry shall consist of three compo-  
14 nents: the ‘House Lock-box Balance’; the ‘Senate Lock-  
15 box Balance’; and the ‘Joint House-Senate Lock-box Bal-  
16 ance’.

17 “(b) COMPONENTS OF LEDGER.—Each component in  
18 an entry shall consist only of amounts credited to it under  
19 subsection (c). No entry of a negative amount shall be  
20 made.



1       “(c) CREDIT OF AMOUNTS TO LEDGER.—(1) In the  
2 House of Representatives or the Senate, whenever a Mem-  
3 ber offers an amendment to an appropriation bill to reduce  
4 new budget authority in any account, that Member may  
5 state the portion of such reduction that shall be—

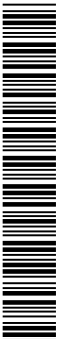
6               “(A) credited to the House or Senate Lock-box  
7 Balance, as applicable; or

8               “(B) used to offset an increase in new budget  
9 authority in any other account;

10              “(C) allowed to remain within the applicable  
11 section 302(b) suballocation.

12 If no such statement is made, the amount of reduction  
13 in new budget authority resulting from the amendment  
14 shall be credited to the House or Senate Lock-box Bal-  
15 ance, as applicable, if the amendment is agreed to.

16       “(2)(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B), the  
17 chairmen of the Committees on the Budget shall, upon  
18 the engrossment of any appropriation bill by the House  
19 of Representatives and upon the engrossment of Senate  
20 amendments to that bill, credit to the applicable entry bal-  
21 ance of that House amounts of new budget authority and  
22 outlays equal to the net amounts of reductions in new  
23 budget authority and in outlays resulting from amend-  
24 ments agreed to by that House to that bill.

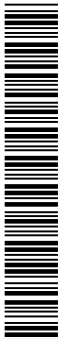


1       “(B) When computing the net amounts of reductions  
2 in new budget authority and in outlays resulting from  
3 amendments agreed to by the House of Representatives  
4 or the Senate to an appropriation bill, the chairmen of  
5 the Committees on the Budget shall only count those por-  
6 tions of such amendments agreed to that were so des-  
7 ignated by the Members offering such amendments as  
8 amounts to be credited to the House or Senate Lock-box  
9 Balance, as applicable, or that fall within the last sentence  
10 of paragraph (1).

11       “(3) The chairmen of the Committees on the Budget  
12 shall, upon the engrossment of Senate amendments to any  
13 appropriation bill, credit to the applicable Joint House-  
14 Senate Lock-box Balance the amounts of new budget au-  
15 thority and outlays equal to—

16               “(A) an amount equal to one-half of the sum of  
17       (i) the amount of new budget authority in the House  
18       Lock-box Balance plus (ii) the amount of new budg-  
19       et authority in the Senate Lock-box Balance for that  
20       subcommittee; and

21               “(B) an amount equal to one-half of the sum  
22       of (i) the amount of outlays in the House Lock-box  
23       Balance plus (ii) the amount of outlays in the Sen-  
24       ate Lock-box Balance for that subcommittee.



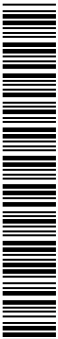
1       “(4) CALCULATION OF LOCK-BOX SAVINGS IN SEN-  
2 ATE.—For purposes of calculating under this section the  
3 net amounts of reductions in new budget authority and  
4 in outlays resulting from amendments agreed to by the  
5 Senate on an appropriation bill, the amendments reported  
6 to the Senate by its Committee on Appropriations shall  
7 be considered to be part of the original text of the bill.

8       “(d) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
9 ‘appropriation bill’ means any general or special appro-  
10 priation bill, and any bill or joint resolution making sup-  
11 plemental, deficiency, or continuing appropriations  
12 through the end of a fiscal year.

13       “(e) TALLY DURING HOUSE CONSIDERATION.—The  
14 chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House  
15 of Representatives shall maintain a running tally of the  
16 amendments adopted reflecting increases and decreases of  
17 budget authority in the bill as reported. This tally shall  
18 be available to Members in the House of Representatives  
19 during consideration of any appropriation bill by the  
20 House.”.

21       (2) The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of  
22 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act  
23 of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating  
24 to section 315 the following new item:

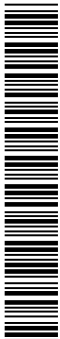
“Sec. 316. Spending accountability lock-box ledger.”.



1 (b) DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF SECTIONS 302(A)  
2 AND (B) ALLOCATIONS.—(1) Section 302(a) of the Con-  
3 gressional Budget Act of 1974 is amended by adding at  
4 the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(6) ADJUSTMENT OF ALLOCATIONS.—Upon  
6 the engrossment of Senate amendments to any ap-  
7 propriation bill (as defined in section 316(d)), the  
8 amounts allocated under paragraph (1) to the Com-  
9 mittee on Appropriations of each House upon the  
10 adoption of the most recent concurrent resolution on  
11 the budget for that fiscal year shall be adjusted  
12 downward by the amounts credited to the applicable  
13 Joint House-Senate Lock-box Balance under section  
14 316(c)(2). The revised levels of new budget author-  
15 ity and outlays shall be submitted to each House by  
16 the chairman of the Committee on the Budget of  
17 that House and shall be printed in the Congressional  
18 Record.”.

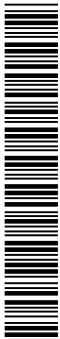
19 (2) Section 302(b) of the Congressional Budget Act  
20 of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following  
21 new sentence: “Whenever an adjustment is made under  
22 subsection (a)(6) to an allocation under that subsection,  
23 the Committee on Appropriations of each House shall  
24 make downward adjustments in the most recent suballoca-  
25 tions of new budget authority and outlays under this sub-



1 paragraph to the appropriate subcommittees of that com-  
2 mittee in the total amounts of those adjustments under  
3 section 316(c)(2). The revised suballocations shall be sub-  
4 mitted to each House by the chairman of the Committee  
5 on Appropriations of that House and shall be printed in  
6 the Congressional Record.”.

7 (c) PERIODIC REPORTING OF LEDGER STATE-  
8 MENTS.—Section 308(b)(1) of the Congressional Budget  
9 Act of 1974 is amended by adding at the end the following  
10 new sentence: “Such reports shall also include an up-to-  
11 date tabulation of the amounts contained in the ledger and  
12 each entry established by section 316(a).”.

13 (d) DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENT OF DISCRETIONARY  
14 SPENDING LIMITS.—The discretionary spending limits for  
15 new budget authority and outlays set forth in section  
16 251(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit  
17 Control Act of 1985, shall be reduced by the amounts set  
18 forth in the final regular appropriation bill for that fiscal  
19 year or joint resolution making continuing appropriations  
20 through the end of that fiscal year. Those amounts shall  
21 be the sums of the Joint House-Senate Lock-box Balances  
22 for that fiscal year, as calculated under section 302(a)(6)  
23 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. That bill or joint  
24 resolution shall contain the following statement of law:  
25 “As required by section 311(d) of the Legislative Branch



1 Appropriations Act, 2001, for fiscal year [insert appro-  
2 priate fiscal year], the adjusted discretionary spending  
3 limit for new budget authority is reduced by \$ [insert ap-  
4 propriate amount of reduction] and the adjusted discre-  
5 tionary limit for outlays is reduced by \$ [insert appro-  
6 priate amount of reduction] for the fiscal year.”. Section  
7 306 shall not apply to any bill or joint resolution because  
8 of such statement. This adjustment shall be reflected in  
9 reports under sections 254(f) and 254(g) of the Balanced  
10 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

11 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—This section and the amend-  
13 ments made by it shall apply to all appropriation  
14 bills making appropriations for fiscal year 2001 or  
15 any subsequent fiscal year.

16 (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICATION.—In the case  
17 of any appropriation bill engrossed by the House of  
18 Representatives before the date of enactment of this  
19 section, the Director of the Congressional Budget  
20 Office, the Director of the Office of Management  
21 and Budget, and the Committees on Appropriations  
22 and the Committees on the Budget of the House of  
23 Representatives and of the Senate shall, within 10  
24 calendar days after that date of enactment, carry  
25 out the duties required by the amendments made by



1       this section that occur before that date of enact-  
2       ment.

3           (3) FY2001 ALLOCATIONS.—The duties of the  
4       Director of the Congressional Budget Office and of  
5       the Committee on Appropriations of the House of  
6       Representatives pursuant to this Act and the amend-  
7       ments made by it regarding appropriation bills for  
8       fiscal year 2001 shall be based upon the revised sec-  
9       tion 302(a) allocations in effect upon the date of en-  
10      grossment of this Act by the House of Representa-  
11      tives.

12          (4) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the  
13      term “appropriation bill” means any general or spe-  
14      cial appropriation bill, and any bill or joint resolu-  
15      tion making supplemental, deficiency, or continuing  
16      appropriations.

